

REMARKS

In addition to the amendments made by the Examiner's amendment as indicated in the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner proposed on February 23, 2005 to amend claims 8 and 18 by including the phrase "first control" in front of the term "signal". Claims 8 and 18 as currently written in the Examiner's Amendment do not include the phrase "first control" in front of the term "signal". Consequently, Applicants amended claims 8 and 18 to include the phrase "first control" in front of the term "signal". These amendments were not made to overcome prior art but to provide sufficient antecedent basis. Hence, these amendments made to claims 8 and 18 were not narrowing in scope and therefore no prosecution history estoppel arises from the amendments to claims 8 and 18. *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705, 1711-1712 (2002); 56 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1870 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Further, the amendments made to claims 8 and 18 were not made for a substantial reason related to patentability and therefore no prosecution history estoppel arises from such amendments. *See Festo Corp.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705 at 1707 (2002); *Warner-Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton Davis Chemical Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1873 (1997).

As Applicants presently have not yet made payment of the Issue Fee and no new matter is added by this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments are proper subject matter for this Section 312 Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficiency of payment of the necessary fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0447 in the name of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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